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SUBJECT: HARCOS/FLETCHER

REF: CALCUTTA 2708 AND 2720

IN PASSING ON TO ATTORNEY LEONARD BOUDIN THE GIST OF
REFTELS, THE DEPARTMENT WAS REQUESTED THAT DOLORES A.
DONOVAN PROVIDE HIM WITH RESPONSES AND CLARIFICATION IN
ANSWER TO THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

" 1) PLEASE EXPLAIN THE SESSION COURT RULING ON FRAMING
CHARGES FROM WHICH YOU INTEND TO APPEAL.

2) PLEASE TRANSMIT ALL FORMAL PAPERS NOW FILED OR TO BE
FILED BY PARTIES OR COURT.

3) DOES THIS MEAN THAT ON JANUARY 16, 1975 THERE WOULD BE
TWO APPEALS ARGUED? (A) GOVERNMENT APPEAL FROM ORDER TO
DELIVER CHARGES? AND (B) DEFENSE APPEAL ON GROUNDS OF IN-
SUFFICIENCY?

4) EXPLAIN HOW YOUR PROPOSED APPEAL GIVES NEW DELHI
AUTHORITY TO DISMISS, I.E., EXPLAIN HIERARCHIES OF ALL
COURTS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, WITH RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES
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IN THIS PICTURE.

"5) TO WHAT EXTENT IS YOUR ROLE BEING SATISFACTORILY
RECOGNIZED?

6) ADVISE ME AS YOU GO ALONG OF RELEVANT CONSTITUTIONAL
PROVISIONS, STATUTES AND JUDICIAL DECISIONS, WITH CITATIONS
FOR EXAMINATION HERE.

7) STATE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS OF CLIENTS,
PARTICULARLY FOR MRS. RUTH FLETCHER'S BENEFIT.

8) DO YOU HAVE PLANS TO GO TO NEW DELHI TO SEE GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS? I BELIEVE THIS IMPORTANT AND PARTICULARLY FOR
YOU TO DETERMINE RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES OF COURTS, PROSE-
CUTORS, FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS?

9) IS THERE AN EXPLANATION NOW DEVELOPING FOR CONTINUED
PROSECUTION IN LIGHT OF KNOWN FACTS?

10) WHAT ARE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO MY
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESS OR AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL?

11) I WILL ADVISE JOHNSON RE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF
PAPERS.

12) PLEASE RETURN MY HOUSE KEYS." KISSINGER

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